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SUBJECT: MTN: EC OFFERS ON INDUSTRIAL NTM'S

REF: (A) GENEVA 888

1. US MTN DEL HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE EC OFFERS ON
INDUSTRIAL NON-TARIFF MEASURES. THE OFFER WAS SUB-
MITTED TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT FOR CIRCULATION TO MTN
PARTICIPANTS. TEXT OF THE OFFER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OFFER ON NON-TARIFF MEASURES
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(INDUSTRIAL SECTOR)

THE EEC HAS RECEIVED REQUESTS FROM A NUMBER OF MTN
PARTICIPANTS WHICH COVER INTER ALIA THE FOLLOWING
FIELDS:

- QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS

- IMPORT LICENSING
- CUSTOMS MATTERS OTHER THAN CUSTOMS VALUATION
- GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
- STANDARDS, SANITARY REGULATIONS ETC.
- OTHER MEASURES (E.G. FILM TAXES, AUTOMOBILE TAXES, RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES ETC)

IN RELATION TO MATTERS SUCH AS IMPORT LICENSING, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT, STANDARDS ETC, WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION IN THE MTN GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS THE COMMUNITY IS READY TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS IN THE FORM OF CODES OR AGREEMENTS.

IN THE FIELD OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS RECEIVED REQUESTS ON 75 TARIFF POSITIONS WHOLLY OR PARTLY SUBJECT TO RESTRICTION IN ONE OR MORE OF THE MEMBER STATES. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS PREPARED TO OFFER THE IMMEDIATE OR PROGRESSIVE LIBERALISATION OF 33 OF THESE TARIFF POSITIONS DURING THE MTN SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS ON SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS FOR SUCH LIBERALISATION AND SUBJECT TO ACHIEVING AN ADEQUATE BALANCE OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE IN THE MTN. THE LIST OF THESE TARIFF POSITIONS IS SHOWN IN THE ANNEX.

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FOOTNOTE: THIS FIGURE (75 TARIFF POSITIONS) EXCLUDES CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF GATT PROVISIONS, PROTOCOLS, AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS, AND IN PARTICULAR RESTRICTIONS MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS NEGOTIATED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT. END FOOTNOTE.

AS REGARDS CUSTOMS MATTERS OTHER THAN CUSTOMS VALUATION THE COMMUNITY HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF REQUESTS RELATING TO TARIFF CLASSIFICATION MATTERS AS WELL AS ON ORIGIN QUESTIONS (RULES OF ORIGIN, ORIGIN CERTIFICATES, ETC.) THE COMMUNITY IS STILL EXAMINING THESE REQUESTS IN DETAIL AND GIVEN THE HIGHLY TECHNICAL NATURE OF MANY OF THE REQUESTS PARTICULARLY RELATING TO TARIFF CLASSIFICATION, THE COMMUNITY PROPOSES THAT DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BEGIN BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS CONCERNED WITH A VIEW TO IDENTIFYING SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

AS REGARDS OTHER NON-TARIFF MEASURES, THE COMMUNITY HAS RECEIVED REQUESTS COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF DIFFERING PRACTICES IN THE MEMBER STATES WHICH HAVE WIDELY DIF-

FERENT SIGNIFICANCE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THE
COMMUNITY IS READY TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS ON THESE MATTERS
WITH THE PARTICIPANTS MAINLY INTERESTED TO SEE
WHETHER POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR A NEGOTIATION ON
THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY.

EEC OFFER LIST

(FOR CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THIS OFFER SEE
PRECEDING TEXT)

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TOTAL: 33 POSITIONS

END QUOTE.

2. THE LANGUAGE ON RULES OF ORIGIN IS NOT AS NEGATIVE AS WE WERE LED TO BELIEVE (REFTEL), AND APPEARS TO INVITE US TO ENGAGE IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON AN ISSUE-BY-ISSUE BASIS.

3. THE QR'S IDENTIFIED BY FDUR DIGIT CCCN CLASSIFICATION APPEAR TO BE RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS MADE BY SEVERAL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN. THE U.S. MADE NO QR REQUESTS TO THE EC (OTHER THAN LICENSING WHICH IS TREATED AS A MULTI-LATERAL TOPIC BY THE EC). ACCORDING TO OUR MOST RECENT INFORMATION, OF THE 33 TARIFF POSITIONS ON WHICH THE EC IS OFFERING LIBERALIZATION, THE BREAK-DOWN ACCORDING TO THE COUNTRY (OR EC) TO WHICH A REQUEST WAS MADE IS AS FOLLOWS: ITALY (16), FRANCE (13), EC (12), IRELAND (8), U.K. (8), BENELUX (6), GERMANY (4), AND DENMARK (2). SEVEN TARIFF POSITIONS OF THE 33 WERE NOT SUBJECT TO A REQUEST.

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